

REMARKS

Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

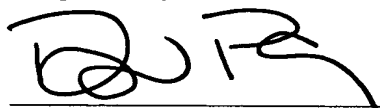
The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/987,147 (the "parent application"), filed on November 13, 2001. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 1 – 5, 9, 13 and 17-19. Claim 5 has been amended to add a limitation. Also, it should be noted that claims 1-4 and 9 recite elements including a screw of floating valve as shown in Figs. 1-5, claim 13 recites a pressing-in of inlet check valve as shown in Fig. 14 and claims 5 and 17-19 recite features shown in of Fig. 15.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached 8 sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15. Specifically, poor line quality has been corrected in originally submitted Figs. 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15.

Attachment: 8 Replacement Sheets